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Internet jargon he used. During his time as Executive Director of CCIL, Jordan developed a project called "Operation Free-Link" to place computer terminals with modem access to the Internet (14.4 bps at that time!) in public places throughout Chester County (these computer terminals were called POPs, or Points of Participation). For the past year, Jordan has been moderator of the Warsaw Freecycle network, part of an international environmental Internet project started in 2003 in Arizona, USA (www.freecycle.org). With his Polish wife, Maria, Jordan also maintains PolBlog (polblog.pl), an effort to bring images, audio, and text about the local issues in Warsaw. Lately, a few disparate bloggers in Poland (mostly ex-pats) have organized monthly meetings at a local pub in Warsaw. While there isn't really a coherent idea of what they want to do, there is definitely a collective identity emerging (as evidenced by one of the meting outcomes: polishstyle.blogspot.com).

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